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# (54) SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MEASURING WIRELESS DEVICE AND NETWORK USAGE AND PERFORMANCE METRICS

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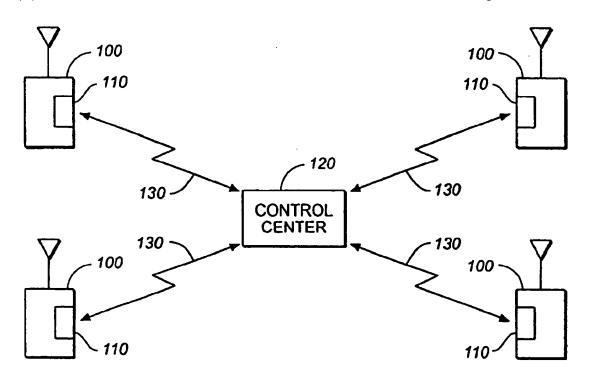
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## (57) ABSTRACT

Systems and methods for measuring wireless device and wireless network usage and performance metrics are set forth. The system includes at least one wireless device, and data gathering software installed on the wireless device for collecting device parametric data, network parametric data, event data. A control center may receive, store and process said device parametric data, network parametric data, and event data.

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System and method for measuring

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (136):

In step 1328, device physical <u>location</u> is determined as described below.

The device physical  $\underline{\text{location}}$  also constitutes gathered data. One or more than

one approach to determining the geographic <a href="Location">Location</a> of a mobile device when

data is gathered by a data gathering module. For instance, the data gathering

module may issue a call to the device operating system requesting the **base** 

station identification for the base
device currently has

a connection. Alternatively, the data gathering module may issue a call to the

device operating system requesting identification of the  $\underline{\text{cell}}$  site  $\underline{\text{location or}}$ 

the cell tower with which the device currently is in communication. The cell

site information may be appropriate for CDMA connections during soft handoffs,

for example. As yet another alternative, the data gathering module may issue a

call to the device operating system requesting the base station zip code

information for the base station with which the device currently has a

connection. As still another alternative, the data gathering module may make a

request for a global positioning system (GPS) fix on the device's geographic

location at the time of the data gathering. It will be appreciated that a